

**Rochester Board of Education  
Community & Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

**August 19, 2004, 5:00 p.m.**

**Attendance:** Commissioners Brown, Evans, and Porter

Commissioner Porter convened the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

**Discussion:**

Legislative Update from District Lobbyist

Dr. Rivera stated that Mr. Gaddy was unable to be present this evening. Mr. Gaddy has not had an opportunity to prepare a written report. Dr. Rivera noted that he would be speaking with Mr. Gaddy on Monday, August 23, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. and would advise the committee following this discussion. Dr. Rivera noted that he is in the process of reviewing records of the past several months to answer “what we hope to be getting?” and “Where do we stand?”

Commissioner Porter noted that he may have some similar information in that regard and asked to meet with Dr. Rivera to compare notes.

**Action Items:**

- Dr. Rivera and Commissioner Porter to meet following Monday conversation with Mr. Gaddy.
- Dr. Rivera to update the committee following Monday conversation with Mr. Gaddy.
- Dr. Rivera will also review the legislative agenda of this committee with Commissioner Porter.

Facilities Utilization Plan update

Dr. Rivera noted that he has had three weeks with Dutch Sommers in the past week. He added that the Rump Group wants to partner with the modernization committee on this project. He believes this group can bring resources to do a mammoth task in a short time period.

Commissioner Porter posed some feedback to a document the committee received earlier in the week from Ms. Carlisle. This document outlines the course of action.

The committee recommends adding language to page 7 of said document to the effect that the Board will review all recommendations and make final decisions.

There was unanimous concern expressed about involving the Mayor and Council in the proposed Executive Committee. The committee believes this

course of action cedes the political role/control away from the Board of Education, particularly if City Council comes to the table with a fixed position. Dr. Rivera stated that he and Ms. Carlisle would revisit the executive committee portion.

Commissioner Brown suggested contacting some of the facilities directors in the large corporations, i.e. Kodak, Bausch and Lomb, Xerox, etc to seek their participation in one of the committees.

Commissioner Porter stated the committee/Board needs to see a coordinated communications plan early on.

Ms. Carlisle noted that one of the key lessons learned from last spring is to start communication early and do it continuously.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Evans, Seconded by Commissioner Brown. Adopted 3-0 at 5:44 p.m.